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Board Names Director of Division of Services for the Blind

Little Rock, Ark. – The Board of the Division of Services for the Blind has named Katy Morris as the Director for the Division of Services for the Blind (DSB).

A native of Fort Smith and long-time Conway resident, Morris holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Central Arkansas and has served as the division's Assistant Director since 1985. She has been honored by Founders Lions Club as a Melvin Jones Fellow, and serves as its current president. Morris replaces the late James C. Hudson, who passed away in November 2007.

"Katy served for many years under Jim's tutelage and in spite of her own grief over his passing, took up the reins and has led the work of the division beautifully," said Nola McKinney, Chair of the Board of the Division of Services for the Blind.

"This type of work requires someone who is extremely knowledgeable about the needs of the visually impaired and how to coordinate the resources to meet that need," said DHS Director John Selig. "Katy clearly fits the bill." As DSB Director, she will oversee agency efforts to improve job opportunities and income for persons with significant vision problems and provide independent living services to the rapidly growing Arkansas population of older persons who are blind or visually impaired. The division provides local rehabilitation services statewide to more than 2,000 Arkansans who are blind or severely visually impaired.